

## Sailor of the Week



**YNSA Clifford James Nobles Jr., NAVSTA Admin department**

*"I was surprised," said Nobles after his selection. "This is my first award, since I have only been in the Navy 6 months. I enjoy my job because I enjoy giving people their mail. My command wants me to be the best Sailor I can be, and they encourage me."*

# Notice when the siren sounds!

Story by MC1 Robert Lamb, Public Affairs

Checking the central alarm system at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba happens every Wednesday at noon. A 'Steady Siren', which means "All Clear, Resume normal activities" can be heard from the entire 45 square miles of GTMO and sometimes beyond.

There are five distinct alarms that could be sounded out at any time to warn of treacherous weather, hazardous conditions or immediate danger and their aftermaths.

Base sirens at Naval Station and their definitions are as follows:

**1. General Alert** — Turn on TV/Radio for additional information. This tone is intended as a non-emergency alert. As an example it will be sounded when hurricane readiness conditions are upgraded or when severe thunderstorms are expected shortly.

**2. Alternate Wail** — **Take cover** — Return to quarters and stay put until further notice

(non-immediate threat). This tone will be used when base requires all non-essential personnel to return to quarters and stay there until all clear is sounded.

**3. Pulse Wail** — **Take Cover** — Immediate threat inbound — Return to nearest secure location and take cover. This alert will be used when immediate danger threatens, such as a tornado or in-bound aircraft of unknown origin. Find nearest cover and stay there until all clear is sounded. Dangerous conditions are possible in 15 min. or less.

**4. Pulse Steady** — **Re-**

**covery Disaster Teams report to duty.** All non-essential personnel remain in quarters. This alert is used to alert various emergency personnel such as PWD recovery teams and fire department personnel that it is safe to investigate for any injury or damage to base facilities.

**5. Steady** — **All clear.** Resume normal activities.

**Alarm Testing** — The base alarm system is tested each Wednesday at noon. The Navy Base Watch Officer (NBWO) will sound the alarm in accordance with this instruction.



## Sails are fluttering again at the GTMO Yacht Club

Story by MCSN Ted Cartwright, Naval Media Center Detachment, GTMO

Outside of the sailing center, the original GTMO Yacht Clubs etched their marks into the sidewalk more than 50 years ago for future generations to see. The original GTMO yacht club was established in the 1950's. The current club members are doing their part to leave their mark on history as well.

The current club was rejuvenated and chartered in July. It now has 15 members, and several people who pay as they go.

GTMO Yacht Club's Commodore, Navy LT Susan Rodriguez said, "a main objective of the club is to get people interested in sailing by offering an opportunity for anyone who wants to sail, or a ride-along to get out on the water."

Rodriguez also said, "people should know that lessons at the sailing center are free. He (the instructor) instructs on ev-

everything from the parts of the boat to taking a written test."

Locked inside a glass display case at the sailing center, there are trophies from past sailing events and regattas that the original yacht club hosted. They are relics from the past, but current yacht club members would like to see the sailing regattas come back because they are an important part of life in GTMO.

Along with bringing back the regattas and encouraging more people to sail, the yacht club would also like to leave their mark for future residents of GTMO by making sailing as common an activity here as scuba diving, said Rodriguez.

To learn more about the Yacht Club, contact Susan Rodriguez at 77691, or attend one of their monthly meetings on the third Saturday of each month at the sailing center at 2 p.m.



**GTMO Yacht Club is looking for new members.**